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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

Description, Pages

1-7 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-10 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/1 as originally filed

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
 - the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of these sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-10
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-10
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-10
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The present invention relates to a method (**claim 1**) for notifying wireless stations for which a transmission of a specific service is intended, and the corresponding network equipment (**claim 5**) and wireless station (**claim 8**).

According to the prior art method, eg. given by the **3GPP technical specification TS 25.331**, which discloses the closest state of the art (cited on page 1 of the description), the start of a transmission is announced to wireless stations by paging said wireless stations. However, **no indication of the service** is incorporated in the paging message. So all paged wireless stations read the incoming transmission, while only a few of the wireless stations may have a subscription with the particular service. Hence, the problem to be solved is to define a more selective method for notifying wireless stations for which a transmission of a specific service is intended.

This problem is solved by transmitting a group paging message **incorporating a hashed data string including a unique identifier of the service** to the wireless stations. By including a indication of the service in the paging message only the concerned wireless stations will read the transmission.

Such an inclusion of a short representation of a unique service identifier into a group paging message, as claimed, is neither taught, nor rendered obvious, alone or in combination, by the available prior art documents.

In document **D1 = WO 97/22217** the paging message is sent to an **individual** wireless station and includes an indication of a pre-registered service set of **said** station. According to **D2 = WO 03/015440**, only the wireless stations **concerned** with a specific service are paged, ie. the paging message itself does not incorporate an indication of the service.

The particular method of claim 1, and respective network equipment (claim 5) and wireless station (claim 8), are therefore novel and considered to involve an inventive step, see Articles 33 (2) (3) PCT. The subject-matter of said claims is also industrially applicable.

The dependent claims 2 to 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 relate to further implementing details of the method defined by claim 1, and respective network equipment (claim 5) and wireless

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station (claim 8), and do thus equally meet all requirements of Article 33 PCT.